

- VC 59: Freshfield, Lancs., 25.6.1962, A. Brindle
(SD(34)/20).
 VC 60: Hawes Water, Lancs., 14.8.1975, A. Brindle
(SD(34)/47).
 * VC 60: Storrs Moss, Lancs., 11.8.1957, P. Skidmore
(SD(34)/47).
 VC 69: Witherslack, Cumbria, 19.7.1959, A. Brindle
(SD(34)/48).
 VC 69: Coniston, Cumbria, 18.8.1957, A. Brindle
(SD(34)/39).

Add Cumbria and Lancashire to the distribution.

Pachygaster minutissima Zett. Very rare in British Isles, though recorded from Somerset and again from Inverness-shire and Wiltshire.

- VC 59: Freshfield, Lancs., larvae very common under pine bark, 2.6.1959, A. Brindle SD(34)/20.

This locality was near the end of Victoria Road, amongst the older pine trees, inland from the Pine Tree Cafe. This cafe formed the base of operations for one of the weeks of the Freshfield Insect Survey in which the larvae of *Pachygaster* were found, and was a well known place for visiting entomologists. The meals tended to be accompanied by a steady rain of sawdust from the rafters, accompanied by the occasional *Anobium*, and the cafe had to be shored up by timbers and other barriers against the steady encroachment of the sea. Attempts to obtain planning permission for a more inland site were baulked by the usual procrastination by the authorities until a winter gale some years ago took the cafe out to sea, where it presumably foundered, *Anobium*-riddled rafters and all. The actual locality is not in the present reserve, but there are sufficient aged pines to provide more *Pachygaster*.

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MIRIS STRIATUS (HEM.: MIRIDAE) IN SUFFOLK. — A single example of this large and conspicuous bug was swept from a beech tree at Shrubland Park, Barham, near Ipswich, Suffolk, on 13th June, 1970 (TM 118533).

Southwood and Leston (1959, *Land and Water Bugs Brit. Isles*: 287) record *M. striatus* as extremely local in the south of England. Although the species has previously been recorded for Suffolk, there appear to be few records. Mr. A. A. Allen (*in litt.*) informs me that he has only taken two examples of this species and that it is certainly usually rare—at least as an adult.

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